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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Date of Interview: 9/25/03

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Applicant presented a brief explanation of the common subject matter of the parent application with claims in the potential infringing patent. Applicant proposed to cancel many of the existing claims and present claims more closely directed toward the potential infringing subject matter.

Albert

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

1. This Office action is in response to the application filed June 1, 2000 and preliminary amendments filed April 15, 2002, December 20, 2002, and September 12, 2003. Claims 83-86 and 105-138 are pending.
2. The Notice of Interference under section 1.605(d) has been sent to the applicant of Patent number 6,333,700 as requested by applicant.
3. Claims 83-86 of this application has been copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,333,700 for the purpose of an interference.

Applicant has failed to specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claim(s) to the disclosure of the application.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claim(s) to the disclosure of the application. See 37 CFR 1.607(a)(5). THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

4. The Examiner thanks applicant for supplying the detailed charts showing support for enablement of the pending claims. It is noted that the language recited in the cited columns and pages of Patent 6,333,699 and the instant application do not correspond with many of the limitations recited in the claims. Therefore, it is unclear what portion of the cited passages are relied upon to support enablement of the limitations. It is suggested that applicant point out the specific language to show support for the claim language. Support should be provided for ALL claims pending. If an assertion is made that specific claimed limitations are inherent within the disclosure as filed, applicant should provide detailed, unambiguous support for such inherency.

5. The following is intended to be exemplary of specific limitations recited whose support is not clear from the passages cited in the Patent or the application. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list.

6. Claim 83 recites the step (d): "comparing the identification code determined by the RF receiver unit to the target identification code" The cited passages and Figure 2 do not use the same language as recited in the claims. Thus, it is unclear what specific language is relied on to support the comparing step and what provides support for the identification code. Further, what aspect of Figure 2 is intended to support the claim language?

7. Claim 106 recites a plurality of tubular elements and a plurality of Radio identification device secured to separate tubular elements. The cited passages refer to collars and casings. These appear to correspond to the tubular elements and the securing of the Radio id devices to separate tubular elements. This relationship should be made clear.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert K Wong whose telephone number is 703-305-8884. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on 703-305-4704. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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